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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Included in this fax is a letter of appeal and the support documentation for our year 7 e-rate funding request.

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RE: Long Valley Charter School Appeal of Denial of Funding by the SLD. Entity Number 112466 Funding Year 2004-2005 471 # 410086

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is sent to appeal the denial of funding for Long Valley Charter School. I am enclosing the appeal document I faxed to the SLD as well as the emails that support the efforts we made to comply with the requests for information made by the SLD. We complied with numerous information requests from the PIA during the review process prior to the particular request in question making every effort to do so in a timely fashion. We did receive the 16 page fax as described in the "Administrators Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2004-2005". The document was not clear but I sent it on to my consultant anyway. Both he and I made repeated attempts to contact Mr. Arauz in an effort to get a legible copy of the document, but he did not return our phone calls or emails. The denial letter states that "on October 8, 2004, the SLD received confirmation from Misty Norris that the 16-page fax was successfully sent...". I do not know who Misty Norris is but I do not dispute that the fax was received only that it was not legible. I have no record of receiving further documentation on October 21 as outlined in the letter. That is however as the emails show the time frame when my consultant was attempting to contact Mr. Arauz and as one email shows asked him to fax or email the document to him. My consultant never received any contact from Mr. Aruaz As you can see from the email dated October 28, 2004 my consultant became concerned because we had not heard back after repeated calls to Mr. Aruaz. He called the help line on October 27 and spoke with a John Ward who told him he would contact the California manager so as to ensure we received a response. While we did not receive any contact from the California manager this contact would be recorded in the SLD records and does demonstrate our consistent interest and effort to comply with the Item 25 request.

We received a denial of funding letter dated January 11, 2005 and as you can see from the additional note dated 1/18/05 we called again. Speaking first with a gentleman named Brett and then requesting to speak with John Ward we were told that the only recourse at point was to appeal. Mr. Ward told us that the appeal was well grounded as we had made consistent attempts to respond to the requests which he could support. I do not see how it can be fairly stated that "on November 8, 2004, after no response was received the SLD was forced to rely on the documentation already available within our records". As I have stated we made repeated attempts to contact Mr Arauz who failed to respond to our efforts. We have complied with a similar request, (item 25), for year 8 by providing all the information requested within the time frame allotted.

In my opinion Long Valley Charter School is the 'poster child' of the intended recipient of e-rate funding, a rural school with little resources to implement the technology infrastructure and services so necessary to providing a 21st century education. While I realize that need is only the threshold criteria and that one must comply with the rules of the program I believe that we have done so and are being unfairly denied funding.

Sincerely.

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